(b) and (c) Subsequent to the announcement of All India Duty Drawback rates in first week of June 2001, there had been representation from textiles and garments exporters for revision of these rates. These rates have since been reviewed and suitably revised.

Problems of weavers in Tamil Nadu

4085. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that the weavers of Tamil Nadu are facing acute problem of survival due to recession in the industry:

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto:

(c) whether Government propose to take any concrete measures to protect the interests of the weavers in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Central Government has not received any complaint alleging that the weavers in Tamil Nadu have facing acute problem of survival due to recession in industry.

(c) and (d) In order to ensure sustainable livelihood and improved standard of leaving and also for development and welfare of handloom weavers and the sector, the Government of India has already been implementing various programmes/schemes like, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing (DEPM), Decentralised Training Programmes, National Centre for Textile Designs (NCTD), Mill Gate Price Scheme and Welfare Schemes like Workshed-cum-Housing, Thrift Fund, Health Package and Insurance Schemes. To further safeguard the interest of the handloom ,weavers, the Government has been implementing the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 under which at present 11 categories of Textile Articles are exclusively reserved for production on handlooms.